to cover the shadow regions beyond Orissa. Andhra Pradesh border to apprise fishermen of weather bulletins in time;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the other steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M IBRAHIM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The coastal area of Orissa and Andhra Pradesh fall within the coverage zone of the High Power Transmitters at Cuttack, Vijaywada and Vishakhapatnam and FM Transmitters at Puri and Berhampur in Orissa, which cater to the needs of the listeners including fishermen by broadcasting of weather bulletins and warnings about cyclonic storm etc., round the clock.

Setting up of Steel Plants at Gopalpur (Orissa)

272. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) the sites selected by different private companies as well as public sector undertakings to set up steel plants at Gopalpur in Orissa;

(b) the land acquired by those companies for the purpose;

(c) whether the decision has been taken for shifting of the old locations of the Steel Plants;

(d) if so, the details of the new locations; and

(e) the reasons for taking such decision?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) and (b). According to the information furnished by the State Government of Orissa, two companies in the private sector namely Tata Iron and Steel Co. Ltd. (TISCO) and Larsen & Toubro Ltd. (L&T) have selected sites to set up steel plants at Gopalpur. The possession of 537.888 acres of land has been handed over to TISCO for rehabilitation colony and for the remaining requirement, land acquisition is in progress. In case of R&T's project, notification under the L.A. Act is in process.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e). Do not arise in view of (c) above.

[Translation]

Vulgarity in Films

273. SHRI NITISH KUMAR :
SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received any study report in regard to vulgarity in films as reported in 'Pioneer' dated August 29, 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of such reports received during each of the last three years; and

(d) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M IBRAHIM) : (a) to (d). No study report on the subject of vulgarity in films has been received by Government in the last three years. Earlier, in the eighties, the Indian Institute of Mass Communication (I.I.M.C.) conducted audience reaction surveys and study of film censorship and submitted four reports. However, in accordance with the recommendations of the Estimates Committee (10th Lok Sabha) and the Standing Committee on Communications, it was decided in April 1996 to entrust a study on "Sex and violence in films and its impact on society" to the I.I.M.C. The terms of reference of the study were determined in consultation with the Central Board of Film Certification and expenditure sanction of Government for the study was issued in August 1996. The I.I.M.C. will complete the study within one year from the date of commencement.

[English]

Number of ITI Plants

274. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of plants set up by Indian Telephone Industry in the country location-wise;

(b) the different kinds of parts/equipments being produced in these plants at present;

(c) whether all the parts and equipments required for the Telecommunication sector in the country are produced in those plants; and

(d) if so, the performance of ITI during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b). The plants set up by ITI and the items produced are as follows :-

Plants		Items
1	2	3
1.	Bangalore Complex (Karnataka)	Switching, Transmission & Opto-Electronics Equipment, Terminal Eqpt. Control Systems, Micro-Electronics.
2.	Naini, Allahabad (UP)	Telephone Instruments, Transmission equipment Opto-electronics equipment

1	2	3
3	Srinagar (J&K)	Telephone Instruments
4	Rai Bareily (UP)	C-DOT. E-10B Sub-assemblies, Transmission equipment. Switch made Power Supply & Mechanical parts.
5	Palakkad (Kerala)	OCB-283 Core Equipment & Digital Trunk Exchanges.
6	Mankapur. Gonda(UP)	E-10B & OCB Exchanges.
7	Electronic City Unit, Bangalore.	C-DOT Products.

(c) The company manufactures most of the major equipment required for the Telecom Sector.

(d) The financial performance of the Company during the last three years was :

	1993-94	1994-95 (Rs. in Crores)	1995-96
Turnover	1527.25	1036.62	782.62
Profit/Loss	84.35	(-) 81.91	(-) 283.96

Contribution to Bekal Resort Development Corporation Limited

275. SHRI T. GOVINDAN : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government propose to contribute at least Rs.10.00 crores as equity in Bekal Resort Development Corporation Ltd.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government also propose to preserve and beautify the Bekal Fort; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) and (b). The Department of Tourism, Government of India has provided an amount of Rs.1.90 crores to Government of Kerala for the Bekal project.

(c) and (d). Bekal fort is part of the Bekal Tourism project. The Government of Kerala aims at an integrated development of the entire area.

Increase in Accidents of Trains

276. SHRI PRADIP BHATTACHARYA :
SHRI AJAY CHAKRABORTY :
SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE :
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR KHANDELWAL :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether train accidents and derailments have increased during the last six months resulting inconvenience to the travelling commuters;

(b) if so, the details of trains accidents and derailments took place in each zone, location-wise till date;

(c) the main causes of these accidents and derailments;

(d) the number of persons killed and injured therein, trains concelled/diverted and loss incurred by railways by each of these accidents;

(e) whether the credibility of the railways have been eroded and the Government have failed to take any concrete steps in this regard; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). No, Sir. Number of consequential train accidents during the period May 1996 to October 1996 was 183 as compared to 190 during the corresponding period of last year.

(c) The main reasons for the accidents were human failure (including other than railway staff), equipment failure, sabotage, etc.

(d) 9 passengers and railway staff lost their lives and 71 sustained injury in these accidents. In addition, 125 persons (other than passengers and railway staff) died and 96 injured mainly in manned and unmanned level crossing accidents. The cost of damage to railway property amounted to Rs.20.59 crores (approx.). Information regarding number of trains cancelled/diverted on account of these accidents is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(e) and (f). No, Sir. Safety is always accorded a very high priority in train operations and Railways have taken concrete steps to improve safety.

Doubling of Railway Line between Hospet and Hubli

277. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any survey has been conducted for doubling the railway line between Hospet and Hubli in the Ongoing Gadag-Hotgi line;

(b) if so, the estimated cost thereof; and

(c) the time by which the work is likely to be commenced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.